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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 0133

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SUBJECT: MELGAR AND ROMERO MEET: DISCUSS BORDER NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 0043, (B) SAN SALVADOR 0077

1. IN A MEETING JANUARY 7 THAT TOOK PRESS AND PUBLIC BY SURPRISE, HONDURAN CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL MELGAR AND SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ROMERO DISCUSSED UPCOMING BORDER DISPUTE NEGOTIATIONS. MEETING TOOK PLACE AT EL POY ON THE BORDER. BOTH HEADS OF STATE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND, SIGNIFICANTLY, ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

2. THREE-POINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER MEETING SAID:  
(A) BOTH HEADS OF STATE HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR FONMINS AND NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS SO THAT, DURING THE MEDIATION PROCEDURE, ADVANTAGE IS TAKEN OF AGREEMENTS REACHED IN PRINCIPLE DURING PREVIOUS DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE EFFORTS OF THE MEDIATOR;

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(B) FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THOSE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMUNITY WERE ALSO EXAMINED AND THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE THE EXAMINATION AND COMPLETE THE WORK (LOS TRABAJOS) THAT APPEARS NECESSARY; AND  
(C) IN ADDITION, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE CONTACTS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITH THE GOAL OF

ACCELERATING THE PROCESS OF RE-ESTABLISHING COMPLETE NORMALITY  
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INDICATIONS  
BOTH PUBLICLY (REF A) AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THAT 1978  
WOULD SEE A STRONG GOH EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE BORDER DISPUTE. THE  
GOH APPARENTLY HOPES THAT THE GOES WILL AGREE TO A DELINEATION OF  
THE BORDER IN RETURN FOR HONDURAS' BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS ON  
RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC MATTERS SEPARATING THE TWO COUNTRIES.  
WHILE GOH CANNOT TELL IF EL SALVADOR'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS MAKE  
A SETTLEMENT MORE OR LESS LIKELY, IT BELIEVES GOES WILL FIND  
ECONOMIC REASONS FOR RESOLVING DISPUTE ATTRACTIVE.  
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